

Jailed Cuban Exile Leader Called Boaster of Expo Plot

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Persistent reports that Fidel Castro intends to visit the Cuban exhibit at Canada's Expo 67 on July 26 may have been one of the factors that impelled the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to put anti-Castro exile activist Felipe Rivero Diaz behind bars.

Informed sources here said the 42-year-old head of the Asociacion Nacionalista Cubana, a small but violent exile organization had continued to boast publicly that his men planned to attack the Havana pavilion at Montreal with bazookas and plastic explosives.

The intelligence services of both the United States and Canada are apprehensive that the attack might be planned for July 26, Cuba Day at the world fair.

It is also possible that Rivero may have violated the INS order restricting them as refugees to



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FELIPE RIVERO DIAZ

New York and Dade County, Fla.

INS did not disclose why its agents took Rivero into custody at his Coral Gables, Fla., home Friday night. But some of the facts may emerge at an immigration hearing set for tomorrow in Miami to determine whether Rivero's status as a

paroled refugee will remain suspended or be revoked.

The former member of the Brigada Asalto 2506 in the attack at the Bay of Pigs is in the Dade County jail. He is not expected to be sent back to Cuba, where certain death would await him, but probably will be kept out of circulation until after the Cuban celebration at Montreal.

Washington sources are fairly certain Cuban President Oswaldo Dorticos will attend the fair on July 26, anniversary of the foundation of Castro's revolutionary movement. They also have heard reports that Castro himself will attend.

The United States has the right to revoke the paroles of refugees at any time and even to deport them. It might not be possible to find another country willing to take Rivero. In that case, it is expected he would remain in custody until such time as the government decided he was no longer disposed to violate American laws.